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SUBJECT: REP. WAXMAN RAISES WALLENBERG CASE WITH SWEDISH
MFA

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN DISCUSSED THE RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE WITH TWO SWEDISH MFA OFFICIALS AUGUST 24. AFTER RECEIVING A BRIEFING ON SWEDISH EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WALLENBERG, REP. WAXMAN SAID NEITHER HE NOR MOST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BELIEVE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS DOING ALL IT CAN AND ASKED THAT THIS VIEW BE CONVEYED TO SENIOR OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

3. REPRESENTATIVE AND MRS. WAXMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR SILINS, MET AT THEIR REQUEST WITH TWO SWEDISH MFA OFFICIALS ON AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF SWEDISH EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE FATE OF
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RAOUL WALLENBERG. THE OFFICIALS WERE PETER OSVALD, HEAD

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OF THE FIRST POLITICAL DIVISION (NORDIC AREA, EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR), AND SVEN JULIN, DIRECTOR FOR CSCE MATTERS, WHO FOLLOWS THE WALLENBERG CASE MOST CLOSELY WITHIN THE MFA.

4. OSVALD SAID SWEDEN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE SOVIET LINE, CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED SINCE 1957, THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947. RELYING ON A STEADY STREAM OF INFORMATION THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OPERATES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WALLENBERG IS ALIVE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE RELEASED. ITS POLICY IS TO PURSUE EVERY NEW PIECE OF EVIDENCE AND TO BRING THE ISSUE UP REGULARLY WITH THE SOVIETS: "WE RAISE WALLENBERG IN EVERY HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS." OSVALD DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN RAISING THE ISSUE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THE SOVIETS AND PRESENTING NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT HIS SITUATION. THE LAST TIME MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS PRESENTED TO THE SOVIETS WAS IN 1979, FIRST IN JANUARY IN A NOTE FROM THE NUMBER 2 AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE SOVIET CHARGE AND THEN IN AUGUST. AFTER THE SOVIET RESPONSE HAD BEEN JUDGED "UNSATISFACTORY," IN A MESSAGE FROM THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER ULLSTEN TO SOVIET LEADER KOSYGIN, THE ISSUE WAS MOST RECENTLY RAISED WITH THE SOVIETS IN GENERAL TERMS THIS MARCH BY MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR JAN ELIASSEN DURING A VISIT TO MOSCOW, OSVALD SAID.

5. RESPONDING TO REP. WAXMAN'S OBSERVATION THAT MANY IN THE US FEEL SWEDEN HAS NOT PUSHED THE WALLENBERG CASE STRONGLY ENOUGH, OSVALD CALLED THE ACCUSATION UNJUST AND SAID IT PROBABLY RESULTS FROM SWEDEN'S DECISION TO PURSUE THE MATTER THROUGH PRIVATE POLITICAL CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIETS RATHER THAN PUBLICLY. BOTH OSVALD AND JULIN

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SAID THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FEELS IT HAS TO PRESENT CLEAR AND INCONTROVERTIBLE PROOF ABOUT WALLENBERG'S STATUS. REP. WAXMAN REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS FEELING AND THAT OF ALL OR MOST OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING ALL IT CAN ON WALLENBERG'S BEHALF. AND HE ASKED OSVALD TO CONVEY THIS VIEW TO HIGHER LEVELS IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT EVIDENTLY QUIET DIPLOMACY HAS FAILED AND THAT IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO GIVE GREATER URGENCY TO EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF A GENUINE HERO. MOREOVER, HE SAID, IT IS THE SOVIET UNION, NOT

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SWEDEN, WHICH SHOULD CARRY THE BURDEN OF PROOF, SINCE THEY ADMITTED HAVING CUSTODY OF HIM AND ONLY THEY HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO EVIDENCE REGARDING HIS FATE.

6. MRS. WAXMAN ASKED ABOUT THE LATEST DATE ON WHICH WALLENBERG WAS REPORTED TO BE ALIVE. JULIN SAID THERE WAS CREDIBLE TESTIMONY THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE AS OF 1975. A SOVIET JEW WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1977 SAID IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO ISRAEL THAT HE HAD MET A SWEDE WHO HAD BEEN IN SOVIET PRISON FOR 30 YEARS. HE WAS REARRESTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT PHONE CALL. ASKED IF SWEDEN HAD PROTESTED HIS ARREST, JULIN REPLIED THAT IT HAD NOT BECAUSE THE MATTER WAS "AN INTERNAL SOVIET AFFAIR." THE PERSON INVOLVED IS NOW FREE AGAIN BUT INTIMIDATED, SO THERE SEEMED TO BE NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM, JULIN SAID.

7. OSVALD CLOSED BY STRESSING THAT THE PRESENT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, LIKE ALL GOVERNMENTS SINCE THE WAR, IS SERIOUSLY AND SINCERELY USING ALL MEANS AVAILABLE TO IT TO OBTAIN WALLENBERG'S RELEASE.

8. THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT CLEARED BY CODEL WAXMAN.
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